

JMG NEWS

Jobs for Montana's Graduates



Spotlight on the Specialist

In each upcoming edition of the JMG newsletter we would like to spotlight a JMG Specialist that is doing extraordinary things in their JMG classroom. This month we are spotlighting Vicki Kaufman's JMG class at Bridger High School. Congratulations to Vicki and her JMG students for an excellent job!



In Her Own Words...

"I have taught for 17 years, all of them in Bridger. I was told I would do JMG 5 years ago. My response was Oh, yeah? See why I teach these kids...I am one of them... I have been very lucky to have had administrators that let me

(Bridger JMG Specialist Vicki Kaufman) step outside of the everyday expectations of the classroom. They support the kids and me in every way possible. I am so lucky to be in the situation I am in. God couldn't have planted me in a better flowerbed."

Bridger's Drive Team Spreads the Word

Keep the Drive

Bailee Vaughn and Heidi Mudd of Bridger High School have been selected to be 2008 Allstate Drive Crew members. Heidi and Bailee submitted a 3 page application and essay stating why the movement was important to them. The girls were flown to Chicago to receive training in media, activism, and smart driving Sept. 19-21. They were awed by the information they received at the training. During the training the girls were required to create an action plan for projects before they left.

During the Drive Team training Heidi and Bailee learned that fourteen teens a day die in car accidents. That's 5000 a year. Almost all of them are avoidable. The CDC calls it a health crisis. Allstate Foundation has enlisted the help of 20 teams of teenagers from all over America to be teen-to-teen mentors in the positive effects of smart driving.

All of the other students selected were from very large towns and very large schools. Heidi and Bailee decided that they would represent the state of Montana and not just Bridger with their membership.

The first project for the Drive Crew was held at the JMG Career Fair in Billings on October 22nd. The *Share the Road Program* has jumped in with both feet to help educate students on the No-Zone. The *Share the Road Program* demonstrated the No-Zones of semis and buses to students by showing a video and then sitting the students in the driver's seat of the semi.

The Montana Highway Patrol provided a crash simulator as well as the seat belt convincer. Officers helped students experience a 5 mph crash simulation.

During the Career Fair Keep the Drive crew members Heidi Mudd and Bailee Vaughn shared smart driving tips with the teens stopping at their table.



(Bridger Drive Crew L-R Heidi Mudd & Bailee Vaughn)

The second presentation for the Bridger Drive Crew was at the JMG Fall Leadership Conference in Helena on October 29th. Heidi and Bailee were looking for other JMG chapters to take home the message of smart driving to their communities. They have developed a contest with prizes as an incentive.



There are 2 websites with smart driving information- www.ProtectTeenDrivers.com for parents, and www.KeeptheDrive.com for teens. There is a smart driving contract on the website that parents and teens can do together.

If you would like to be a sponsor for this project or want more information, you can contact Bailee or Heidi at 406.662.3533 or email them at jmg@bridger.k12.mt.us

Bridger JMG Career Fair

Bridger JMG's 11th annual Career Fair was held at the National Guard Armory on October 22nd. Over 900 students from all over central Montana collected information to help plot their future goals. Presenters from business, education, apprenticeship, government, law enforcement and military had



marvelous displays and knowledgeable staff to share information on what the attendees would need to do to be successful in their chosen field.

Bridger JMG students who hosted the Career Fair are Lenore Pierson, Heidi Mudd, Bailee Vaughn, Leann Dorvall, Kaitlin McClurg, Sommer Dykstra, Brooke Marshall, Rawlly Snyder, Dillon Thomas, Christopher Rameriz, and Britney Padilla. The students were responsible for making many phone calls to line up presenters, food, and table rentals. They did floor plans, programs, thanks you notes, menus and shopping lists, and schedules for the schools to attend. It took many hours of planning and a long day of work on October 22nd, but members agree it was a very successful Career Fair.



JMG JAVA



Bridger JMG is now selling their house brand of coffee. It is JMG Java, Scout Explorer Blend. It is a medium roast, whole bean selection. We will be getting a ground coffee with our next order. JMG Fall Leadership Conference used the coffee as a gift to the table hosts. We also have Bridger High School JMG Java travel cups for sale. These would make a great gift for the upcoming holidays. If you would like to purchase either of these items, please contact the High School at 662-3533 ext. 207.

Mugs are \$15 or \$20 with a 3 cup coffee card. The JMG Java is \$10 per bag (12



**Happy
Thanksgiving!**
Gobble Gobble

Reminders

"If it is not documented it did not happen"

There is a **November 26th** deadline for the following items for High School & Middle School programs:

- ✓ Model services entered
- ✓ Follow-up on 2008 high school graduates entered
- ✓ Middle School-check on students that transitioned to 9th grade

We know you are very busy but please find time to input your student information. We are more than willing to help so contact us if you need assistance.

There is a November 17th deadline for your Employer Marketing Plan

The 15th Annual MCA Fall Leadership Conference Was A Huge Success!

Look for a special edition newsletter coming in December for full coverage of the event.

Classroom Corner

As part of the newsletter I will be including a section on a "Spotlighted Specialist" or "Best Practices" We know you are doing wonderful things in your JMG classroom and we would like to share them with other specialists.

Please send me your Classroom Stories" and "Best Practices" so that I may spotlight them in the upcoming issues of the JMG newsletter.

Include a photo as well!

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